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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chid S. Iyer (Reg. No. 43,355) on 12 May 2010.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 11 – 18 and 23.

Replace claim 19 as follows.

Claim 19:

An authentication medium, characterized in that a light selective reflecting pattern layer comprising a layer of a material having light selective reflectivity capable of reflecting either left-handed or right-handed circularly polarized light of incident light, and a light diffracting structure layer with a light reflective layer are stacked together with a phase difference layer interleaved between them.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 10, 19 – 22 and 24 – 27 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations recited in claims 1 and 19 (& associated dependent claims).

Claims 1 – 10, 19 – 22 and 24 – 27 are allowable in light of the Applicant's arguments and in light of the prior art made of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LONGBIT CHAI whose telephone number is (571)272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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